The Field Museum

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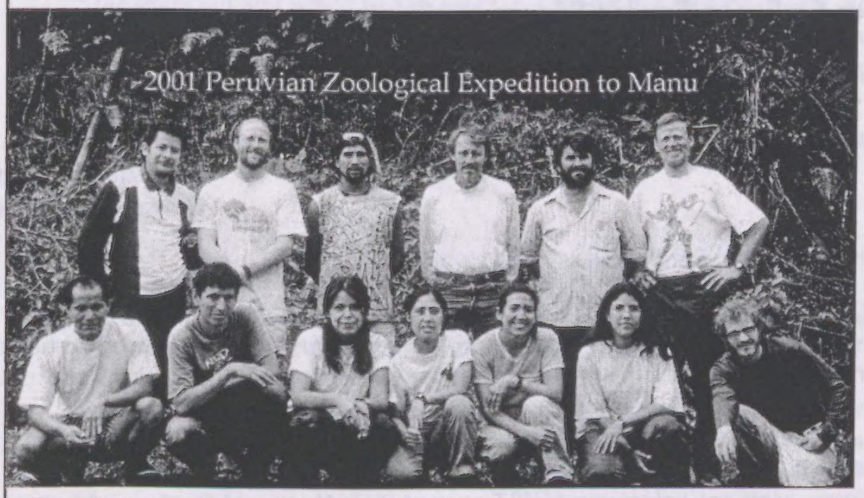


Bruce Patterson (standing right), Doug Stotz (standing, second from right), Brian O'Shea (kneeling, right) and colleagues.

Bruce Patterson (Zoology, Mammals) and Brian O'Shea (Zoology, Birds) returned from 10 weeks of fieldwork in Peru the week before Thanksgiving. The work completed a three-year survey and inventory of mammals and birds living in Peru's Manu National Park and Biosphere Reserve.

Together with Peruvian colleagues from San Marcos University in Lima and American researchers from Texas and Arkansas, Field Museum researchers continued adding species to what were already the world's longest lists for both mammals and birds. By the end of the project, mammal teams headed by Bruce had discovered six to eight new species of mammals—one a very remarkable new genus under study by UIC student Lucia Luna—documenting 220 species living in the park. This includes 21 species of opossums and 94 species of bats!

Bird teams headed by ECP's Doug Stotz (who left 2001 surveys after the second camp) have documented more than 940 species, or about 10% of all living birds! In addition, during the final three camps, the team collected more than 1,800 bulk ectoparasite samples; these contained all the mites, ticks, fleas, chewing lice, sucking lice, bot flies, bat flies, bird flies, and commensal rove beetles found with a given host. One of the first results of this collaboration will be a comprehensive list of the vertebrate species, perhaps published in *Fieldiana: Zoology*. The list will help ecotourism in Manu National Park, one of Peru's principal tourist destinations, and provide park managers with a baseline inventory of the park's species and their distributions to gauge the effectiveness of future conservation efforts.

FIELD NOTES

December 7-14

Staff/Volunteer Events

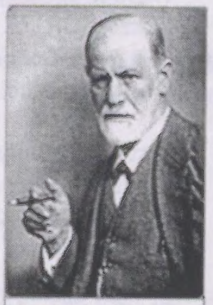
Helping the Earth and its People DEADLINE EXTENDED
- Friday, Dec. 14.

Yoga
- NO classes, Dec. 12 & 19

Aerobics Class
- NO class, Tuesday
- Thursday, 5 p.m. Ground Floor

Green Sheet Meeting
- Wednesday, 3 p.m. FP&O Conference Room.

Public/Campus Events



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Sigmund Freud:
- Closes Sunday

Cleopatra in Context: Egypt, The Mediterranean World and Africa
Lecture by Dr. Jim Phillips, Curator, Field Museum Anthropology Department
- Sunday

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Submissions can be emailed to Mark Schmeltzer (mschmeltzer@fmnh.org) Or delivered to him via interoffice mail to the Office of Institutional Advancement. ***The deadline for the next issue is WEDNESDAY, December12.***

Security Alerts

On occasion, our Protection Services team is alerted to potential threats to the Museum, fortunately all false alarms. These have become routine at many public buildings since September 11.

We continue to provide additional security presence to ensure that our visitors and staff are not exposed to undue risk.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jeff Hawkins at ext. 7980 or Diane White at ext. 7910. As always, in the event of an emergency contact the 24- hour number: ext. 7999.

Diane White
Public Services

Human Resources to Open One Hour Earlier on Payday Fridays

In an effort to accommodate more of our staff, the Human Resources Department will now open at 7:30 a.m. every payday Friday, beginning December 14. Someone will be available to distribute payroll checks and answer staff inquiries. So, to all of you overnighters we haven't seen in awhile, please feel free to drop by and see us.

Randy Scalf
Human Resources

Parking Vouchers and Coupons

Because of some confusion with what parking coupons are to be used by staff and volunteers, and what coupons should be used by clients/guests, the following information outlines the proper procedure for using the Daily Coupons and Parking Vouchers:

The $4.75 Daily Coupons that are purchased at the cashier cage are to be used by Museum campus staff and volunteers ONLY. When using these coupons, staff and volunteers MUST present their Museum I.D. along with their $4.75 Daily Coupon to the parking attendant EVERY time they enter a Soldier Field Parking Lot. If any staff or volunteer does not present their I.D., the $4.75 coupon WILL NOT be accepted.

If staff and volunteers have clients/guests visit the Museum and DO NOT want them to pay for parking, they MUST purchase $7.75 Parking Vouchers from the Public Services office. An Expense Transfer form MUST be filled out and brought down to the Public Services office with the proper accounting string and signature in order to receive the parking vouchers. Up to 50 Parking Vouchers can be given to each department per month.

Starting Sunday, December 9, 2001, Soldier Field parking attendants will start to enforce this procedure once again. Please refer to the Intranet Public Services page at http://intranet1/departments/public_services/default.html and scroll down to "click here for important parking information" for any additional information. If you have any questions or concerns, please notify the Public Services office at ext. 7911.

Maria Burns,
Public Services

Design Award for Walsh, Exhibitions

The Graphics division of the Exhibitions Department is pleased to announce that The Field Museum and Lori Walsh have received a National Gold Ink Award from Print Media and Printing Impressions, for the design of the "Chocolate" advanced marketing booklet. Congratulations, Lori.

Jean Cattell,
Exhibitions

Staff Anniversaries in December

10 Years	Mark Westneat	Zoology
	Robin Foster	ECP
	Debra Moskovits	ECP
15 Years	Katie Davis	Guest Relations

Is the Force with You?

Well, you can find out soon! The Human Resources Department is holding a drawing for a *Star Wars Episode II* pre-release teaser poster, featuring Anakin and Amidala. The drawing will be held next Friday, December 14. If you are a *Star Wars* fan and would like to enter, please submit your full name, along with department and extension, to the Human Resources department by 4:00 on Thursday, December 13; we will accept *one entry per employee* by phone, by e-mail, or in person. Human Resources reserves the right to quiz random entrants on *Star Wars* trivia in order to determine their worthiness.

Nora Rogers,
Human Resources

Timberland Discounts for Employees, Friends and Family!

Just in time for you to buy holiday gifts and restock your winter wardrobe, Timberland is offering Field Museum Employees (and their friends and family) a fantastic discount!

Go to any Timberland specialty store or order through their Web site to receive a **20% discount**; or, visit a Timberland outlet store to receive 10% off merchandise. This offer is good from **Monday, December 10** through **Thursday, December 13**. Make sure to see the Timberland flyer on the back page of this issue for all of the pesky details.

Nora Rogers
Human Resources

Carpool Discussion To Get Underway

To Museum Staff & Volunteers:

Did you know that Chicago recently distinguished itself as having the second slowest daily commuting time? Chicago's average 30-plus minutes is second to New York's 39 minutes but actually ahead of Los Angeles, the national symbol for gridlock, at 28 minutes.

Did you also know that according to the census studies, 8 in 10 Chicago-area commuters drive alone? That is up from 7 out of 10 people in the 1980 census.

The Field Museum can be an example to the city by reducing its daily contribution to the gridlock and the pollution. I am hoping to get interested parties to start a discussion on organizing a museum-wide carpool. Perhaps we can start with a once-a-month carpool day. If it catches on, maybe we can do it once a week. This initiative may even help Field Museum commuters as we face reduced parking in the coming months. Please join us in dialogue!

Interested? Call Christina Sornito at ext. 7779 or email me at csornito@fmnh.org so we can get a program going! Or participate in the "carpool" discussion on the Field Museum intranet.

Thank you.

Christina Sornito,
Institutional Advancement

the HistoryMakers™

December 1, 2001

Susan Schoen
The Field Museum
1400 S. Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60605

Dear Susan:

I want to **THANK YOU** so much for your support of *The HistoryMakers*! We had 900 people were in attendance to see Dionne Warwick interviewed by her friend Diahann Carroll. We received significant press coverage on ABC 7, *The Chicago Tribune, The Chicago Sun-Times, The Chicago Defender, StreetWise, Jet Magazine* and WVON 1450 just to name a few. In most cases, the Field Museum was prominently mentioned.

This event was not an easy one to pull off, but we could not have done it without the expert assistance of you, Alan Smetana, Carlita Wilds and the rest of the crew. Everyone on your team represented the Field Museum so well. We could have done this without your support. More importantly, we appreciate the ways you worked with us to provide everything at a ***greatly*** reduced fee. We, at *The HistoryMakers* want to thank you and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Julieanna L. Richardson
Executive Director

JLR/clf

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November 14, 2001

John W. McCarter
President
The Field Museum
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Dear John,

I write to thank The Field Museum for making the twelfth annual Chicago Humanities Festival, Words & Pictures, a resounding success! Our celebration of ideas could never happen without the dedicated effort and creativity of Chicago's cultural institutions.

We extend our greatest appreciation to you. We'd also like to thank Steve Hines and Janet Young, whose exceptional efforts ensured the success of Festival programs at The Field Museum, even the Legendary South Side.

We look forward to working with you again on the thirteenth annual Festival, Brains and Beauty, scheduled for October 31-November 10, 2002.

Thank you so very much for the commitment to our collaboration.

Sincerely yours,

Eileen R. Mackevich
President and Executive Producer

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Chicago Humanities Festival

Science & Research Media Hits

Submitted by Greg Borzo, Media Manager, Academic Affairs

Science essay challenges museums to be more environmentally active

Science magazine will run a major essay by John McCarter, Georgie Boge and Gillian Darlow titled "Safeguarding the World's Natural Treasures." The three-page essay in the Dec. 7 issue maintains that natural history museums should play a more dynamic role in conservation. It cites several examples of how the Field Museum and other institutions have successfully advocated on behalf of the environment, biodiversity and endangered species. "When science informs conservation, the results are dramatic," the authors say. (See http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/294/5549/2099 to read this essay.)

Story of the year

Discover magazine listed the story about the "Pyramids of Peru" that broke in April as one of the top 100 stories for 2001. The Discover article (January 2002) tells how Jonathan Haas, Winifred Creamer and colleagues dated fibers from a site in Caral, Peru. The results indicated that Caral may be the oldest city in the New World.

Extension 720

John McCarter, Larry Heaney, Doug Stotz and Janet Voight will be guests on WGN's Extension 720 on Dec. 13 from 9 pm to 11 pm. The two-hour show, hosted by Milt Rosenberg, will focus on science at the Field Museum. That's 720 on your AM radio dial.

Reminder: "Beasts within Us"

Discovery Channel will feature Bob Martin on "Beasts within Us," part of the "Walking with Prehistoric Beasts" series. The segment that features Bob will run twice on Dec. 10: from 9 pm to 10 pm; and 12 midnight to 1 am (Chicago times, check listings to confirm).

NEWS FROM MUSEUM CAMPUS CHICAGO

• Below please find the museums' public and trolley operations hours for the last week of '01 and the first week of '02.

2001 MUSEUMS' & CAMPUS TROLLEY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

DATE	ADLER PLANETARIUM	FIELD MUSEUM	SHEDD AQUARIUM	CAMPUS TROLLEY*
Mon, 12/24	Closed	9 am – 1 pm	9 am – 4 pm	10 am – 4 pm
Tues, 12/25	Closed	Closed	Closed	No service
Wed, 12/26	9:30 am – 6 pm	9 am – 6 pm	9 am – 6 pm	10 am – 6 pm
Thu, 12/27	9:30 am – 6 pm	9 am – 6 pm	9 am – 6 pm	10 am – 6 pm
Fri, 12/28	9:30 am – 6 pm	9 am – 6 pm	9 am – 6 pm	10 am – 6 pm
Sat, 12/29	9:30 am – 6 pm	9 am – 6 pm	9 am – 6 pm	10 am – 6 pm
Sun, 12/30	9:30 am – 6 pm	9 am – 6 pm	9 am – 6 pm	10 am – 6 pm
Mon, 12/31	9:30 am-4:30 pm	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 4 pm	10 am – 4 pm
Tues, 1/1	9:30 am-4:30 pm	Closed	Closed	No service
Wed, 1/2	9:30 am-4:30 pm	9am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm
Thu, 1/3	9:30 am-4:30 pm	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm
Fri, 1/4	9:30 am-4:30 pm	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	10 am – 5 pm
Sat, 1/5	9:30 am-4:30 pm	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 6 pm	10 am – 6 pm
Sun, 1/6	9:30 am-4:30 pm	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	No service

The Museum Campus trolley free daily service dates begin on Friday, 12/14 – Tuesday, 12/31. There is no service on Sunday, 12/16 (Bears game), Tuesday, 12/25 (holiday), Tuesday, 1/1 (holiday) and Sunday, January 6 (Bears game).

• Science fiction becomes scientific reality in the Adler Planetarium's new CyberSpace Gallery which opens to the public on December 5, 2001. See the press release below.

Happy Holidays from Museum Campus Chicago!

Christina Breslow,
Museum Campus Chicago

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November 8, 2001

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ADLER PLANETARIUM & ASTRONOMY MUSEUM TO OPEN GROUNDBREAKING CYBERSPACE GALLERY DECEMBER 5, 2001

Imagine having the opportunity to hold a real-time conversation with an astronaut, participate in a question and answer session with a speaker half a continent away or take a virtual tour of the International Space Station - while these experiences may seem to be the stuff of sci-fi, science fiction becomes scientific reality in the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum's new CyberSpace Gallery which opens to the public on December 5, 2001.

State-of-the-art in 1930 when it opened as the first planetarium in the Western Hemisphere, the Adler once again is on the cutting edge of technology. A radical departure from the typical museum gallery, Cyberspace offers a totally new and exciting visitor experience. Designed with the ability to be reprogrammed with the click of a mouse, CyberSpace features compelling computer-based interactive exhibits, VisionStations providing realistic virtual reality experiences of the Universe and computer video classrooms for distance learning. The high-tech classrooms link to extremely broad bandwidth networks using fiber optic technology 2,700 times faster than the average home modem. Capable of both broadcasting original Adler programming and facilitating linkages with NASA. These two-way telecasts can be sent electronically anywhere in the world. CyberSpace dissolves the walls of the museum and extends its reach exponentially. "CyberSpace can bring the world into Adler and Adler to the world, " remarks Ken Kobus, CyberSpace Project Director and Adler Director of Information Systems.

CyberSpace is the central component of the Adler's new Center for Space Science Education which is partially funded by NASA and the U.S. Department of Education. Developed over a three-year period, CyberSpace offers a revolutionary approach to presenting the rapidly changing science of astronomy. Providing the perfect medium to change of museum exhibits, CyberSpace's adaptive and programmable nature overcomes the pervasive problem that many science museums face in opening a new gallery. In many cases, by the time exhibits open to the public, the data contained within may be superseded by new information. The advantage of CyberSpace is that it can almost instantaneously present the latest in the ongoing discoveries about the wonders of our Universe.

CyberSpace uniquely positions the Adler to deliver educational programming to a wide range of audiences. It has the potential to be an extremely valuable educational tool in advancing scientific literacy in the state of Illinois and the entire nation. Interactive video will serve as a primary vehicle for bringing the Adler's resources into classrooms to support kindergarten through high school education. The initial pilot programs will target schools in the local Chicago area, and will provide the opportunity to test video-based curriculum and our strategies for the most effective use of the technologies as instructional tools. Following this pilot phase, a menu of programs will be made available to schools throughout Illinois and across the country, emphasizing astronomy-related themes as a context for fundamental math and science concepts to be taught in the school curriculum. These distance learning efforts will enable students and teachers well beyond the regional audience to access the Adler, transforming its role from simply a field trip destination to a more active participant in classroom teaching and learning.

The interactive video capability of CyberSpace and Adler's partnership with NASA will offer access to additional educational resources, to expand the visitor experience. This new level of programming was tested on October 24 by establishing an interactive video link with the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. An excited group of fourth and fifth grade students from Cloverdale School in Carol Stream visiting the Adler were able to talk to NASA astronaut, Joe Tanner. He presented an overview of his shuttle mission, and the students were able to ask questions about his experiences in space. "This ability to access NASA resources brings a new element to the Adler's educational efforts, expanding our reach and the experiences for our visitors," comments Adler Director of Education Bryan Wunar.

Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum hours:
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas

On the first Friday of each month the Adler offers special programs with extended hours from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Regular Admission:
Ultimate Universe Adventure is $15.00 for adults and $14.00 for children 4 – 17 and senior citizens over age 65.
This package includes admission and the choice of two sky shows.

Galaxy Passport is $10.00 for adults and $9.00 for children 4 – 17 and senior citizens over age 65. This package includes admission and choice of sky shows. Each additional sky show is $5.00.

The Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum is the first planetarium in the Western Hemisphere. Its astronomy programs have reached over 35 million people during the past 71 years. Seven state-of-the-art exhibition galleries located in the stunning new Sky Pavilion and the recently renovated landmark 1930s building present modern space exploration along with the history of astronomy. The world's first StarRider™ Theater, the most technologically advanced, audience-interactive planetarium, fuels the imagination of visitors during virtual flights through the cosmos. With a staff of over 200, the Adler pursues its mission to present the human quest to better understand the universe. Adler scientists and historians, who hold joint appointments at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University, are working at the forefront of research in astronomy and its fascinating history. The Adler is leading the way into the new "Space Millennium."

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (312) 922-STAR
TTY: (312) 322-0995
www.adlerplanetarium.org.

Baker's Corner

By Paul Baker

In an old brownstone standing alone at the corner of Paulina and Division Street, Hubie Greenwald and Mike Farley have established an excellent restaurant. "Mas" in the Spanish language means "more." Naming a restaurant "More" could seem an egotistical thing to do here in the land of great places to eat and the challenge to me was too great. Megan McLeod and I arrived a half-hour before their opening time of 5:30 p.m. and could scarcely stand the wait.

Upon returning, Mr. Greenwald was there to meet us and he ushered us to seats by large windows. However, it was still pretty dark inside the small space. There are about 25 tables, a small bar with perhaps a dozen stools and a few tables down a short hall towards the kitchen. Decoration is sparse with bead hangings over the bar, ochre sponge-painted walls and a festive wreath adorning a devil's head behind the liquor shelves. Soft Latin music plays while the restaurant fills by 6:30. The most interesting feature is the old pressed tin ceiling—a leftover from a former incarnation.

Bread and bean dip come to the table first. No ordinary bean dip—this one is redolent with garlic, onion, cumin and bacon drippings. Megan ordered a Moza Bock beer—a very dark liquid and not carmelly like some dark beers. I tried the Cristal—a light colored lager brewed in Peru. I looked these two up on the Internet and it makes great reading.

We shared the appetizer labeled "Arepa." You might remember my musings on arepa in the February 2, 2001 article on La Fonda. A typically tasty Colombian corn cake covered with beberete salsa and four spiced, fried shrimp leaning against the pile. The sweetcorn enhanced butter sauce completes the dreamy result. Beberete (in Portugese) is a popular cocktail in South America and the salsa is made with red onion, Roma tomatoes, cachasa (a Brazilian liqueur), lime juice and lime zest. This is salsa with a capital "S."

Megan is a salmon-o-phile of the first order so she chose the entrée entitled "Salmon." The fish is braised with bacon and barley and covered with Spanish caper and olive salsa. It has to be tasted to be believed. There was not enough of it left by the end of the meal to provide a clue for even NYPD Blue to use.

Our waiter tried to get me to select his favorite as my entrée—seared, rare yellowfin tuna, chimichurri (an Argentinean sauce featuring parsley, garlic, sherry and lemon juice) and yucca frites. Another offering labeled "Pescado" listed tilapia, boniato, rustic tomatillo and roasted vegetable stew as ingredients. When I asked about boniato, my decision was sealed. Boniatos (according to the University of Illinois Web site) are "a type of sweet potato, commonly referred to as Cuban Sweet Potato, though they are tropic in origin and look more like a yam" and the Food Reference Web site says that boniato "tend to be irregular in shape" and that "skin color can vary from reddish to cream colored. They are drier and not as sweet as other varieties of sweet potato." No problem. It's great to eat "side dishes" that are as wonderfully pleasing as the main item.

The tilapia was sprinkled with "tobacco onions." I had to look these up, too, afraid that some cigarette giant had bought out and cross-pollinated a Vidalia onion field. There are a lot of recipes for these on the Web, mostly from southern states. Onions are sliced very, very thinly and dredged in flour, paprika, salt, cayenne and black pepper. When the result is deep-fried it looks like a pile of tobacco shreds, hence, the name. Wonderful.

From reading the menu, it looks like they do great things with other ingredients like cabrales cheese, papayas, calabaza (pumpkin) and lots of peppers. We shared calabaza cake served with chocolate mousse and vanilla ice cream for dessert.

Executive Chef John Manion has done a lot to influence "nuevo Latino" cuisine in Chicago. At Mas, the emphasis is on "authentic flavors that reflect the mosaic of the Latin landscape." Recently, the group took over the space formerly occupied by one of my favorite southwestern restaurants, Dish. The call it "Otro Mas." The "Other More." At both locations Hubie, Mike and John have organized special dinners that explore the tastes of various Latin countries and festivals. Try this one!

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